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### **REMARKS**

In the restriction requirement mailed August 5, 2005, the Examiner required Applicant to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The species identified by the Examiner are:

- a. Species A: Figure 3.
- b. Species B: Figure 4.
- c. Species C: Figure 5.

In response to this requirement, Applicant elects the Examiner's Species C: Figure 5. Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1, 2, and 6-21 are readable on Examiner's identified Species C: Figure 5.

The Examiner also identified the following sub-species and required Applicant to select one of them:

- i. Sub-species 1: The force feel system is configured as an altitude-command-altitude-hold SAS.
- ii. Sub-species 2: The force feel system is configured as a rate damper SAS.

In response to this requirement, Applicant elects the Examiner's sub-species 1. Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1, 2, 6-11; and 13-21 are readable on Examiner's identified sub-species 1. Further, Applicant respectfully submits that at least independent Claims 1, 6 and 19 are generic to both sub-species 1 and sub-species 2.

In addition, the Examiner required Applicant to:

- iii. Elect the autopilot error signal (from Claim 18), (e.g., Altitude Error ONLY or the combination of Altitude and Climb rate ONLY).

Applicant has cancelled Claims 5 and 18 herein without prejudice or disclaimer. As there are currently no claims directed toward an autopilot error signal, Applicant requests that this requirement be withdrawn.

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Applicant reserves the right to pursue any non-elected claims in one or more divisional applications. Accordingly, prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner determine that any issues may be resolved by a telephone call, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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